

REMARKS

In the outstanding Official Action, claim 10 was objected to because of the noted informality regarding claim dependency. In response, this informality has been corrected, and it is respectfully submitted that claim 10, as herewith amended, is now in proper form.

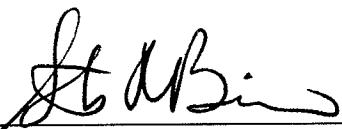
Claims 2-6 and 6 were rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite due to the use of the phrase "in particular". In response, all of the currently-pending claims containing the phrase "in particular" have been amended to delete the objectionable phrase and it is respectfully submitted that the relevant claims now fully comply with the requirements of §112.

On the merits, claims 3-6 and 8 were deemed to be allowable, while the remaining claims were rejected for the reasons detailed in the Action. In response, claims 2 and 3 are herewith cancelled, without prejudice, and the allowable subject matter of now-cancelled claim 3 has been incorporated into independent claims 1 and 11, thereby placing these claims, and the remaining claims depending therefrom, in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application now fully complies with the requirements of §112, that claim 10 has been

placed in proper form, and all of the currently-pending claims contain subject matter indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, allowance of the instant application is respectfully submitted to be justified at the present time, and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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